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May 6, 2003

To Whom It may Concern:

I urge you to postpone the June deadline to weaken the regulations concerning media ownership. Chairman Powell has not given the public enough time to understand the implications of such a policy change. I believe that maintaining and even strengthening existing ownership limits will lead to a more democratic and pluralistic media system that would restore the belief that the airwaves are owned by all Americans. In addition, I urge you to restore the Fairness Doctrine in order to ensure that issues of vital public importance be covered in a balanced and fair manner. Finally, I urge you post the agenda for this meeting as soon as possible so that the public can be properly informed.

Many of these limitations regarding media ownership have existed for fifty years. Please consider the implications these rulings may impose on future media ownership and the meaning of Democracy in America.

Sincerely,

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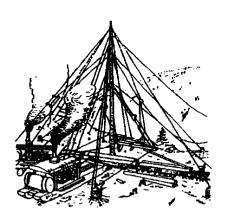
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ATTENTION, DEPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT RE, OWNERSHIP OF MEDIA:

We are very concerned about the possibility of further consolidation of any media ownership, including TV, radio, and printed matter. There is already too much monopoly of public opinion in newspapers, other printed publications, and in broadcast media. Having a free "press" is vital to a working democracy. Without it, this county will no longer be the America we grew up in. We might well re-name our country the "UNITED CONGLOMERATES OF AMERICA."

In 1983 about 50 media conglomerates controlled more than half of all broadcast media. Today, there are fewer than 10 dominating America. Two companies, Clear Channel and Viacom control 42 percent of radio listeners and 45 percent of revenues. In the last 25 years, The number of TV station owners has declined from 540 to 360. Newspapers owners dropped from 860 to less than 300. TV newsrooms reduced by 15 percent. If this is not alarming enough, the Benton Foundation survey in 1998 divulged that local public affairs shows make up less than one-half of one percent of the fare offered by commercial broadcasters. Further, thirty five percent of the stations surveyed had no local news, and 25 percent had no local public affairs programming whatsoever. The FCC should have more focus on requirements of local and public affairs.

We object to any further "liberalization" of airway regulation, and in fact, would like to see further break-up of present monopolies.

Thank you for your consideration.

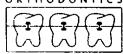
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